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LA 4028-PSI has furnished an announcement concerning a series of six lectures to be given by JOHN HOWARD LAWSON on each Wednesday night beginning November 6, 1957, through December 11, 1957. These lectures concern six American writers who reflect "major trends in American life and thought." The following are the titles of the lectures: (S) (u)

1. WILLIAM FAULKNER.... "The Anatomy of Lust and Violence"
2. JAMES FARRELL..... "The Tragedy of The Commonplace"
3. LILLIAN HELLMAN..... "The Drama of Social Forces"
4. LANGSTON HUGHES..... "Patterns of Negro Life & Thought"
5. HOWARD FAST..... "Decline and Fall of a Radical"
6. THOMAS WOLFE..... "The Creative Search"

The 1952 Annual Report of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) discloses that LAWSON has repeatedly been identified by witnesses in sworn testimony before the HCUA as a Communist Party member and leading figure in the Communist Party organization in the film industry in past years.

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